

## **STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-15-00**

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The following is offered in response to your letter in which you request a formal interpretation of Section 114.3 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code.

**Question:** Do the special provisions for buildings exceeding the threshold limits set forth in Section 114.3 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code apply to renovations of existing buildings that already exceed the threshold limits?

**Answer:** No. The provisions set forth in Section 114.3 only apply to new buildings or structures and to additions to buildings or structures that exceed threshold limits. For clarification, any addition, by itself, would have to exceed the threshold limits for Section 114.3 to apply. One would not determine applicability by adding together the existing building and the proposed addition.